$\mathsf{R}^{5'}$ is hydrogen, or R^5 and $\mathsf{R}^{5'}$ together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclopropyl moiety;

R⁶ and R⁷ are independently hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R⁸ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R⁹ is C₁-C₈ alkyl where the alkyl chain is optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of carboxy, phenyl, or pyridyl, said phenyl or pyridyl substituent optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or C₁-C₄ alkoxy;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R¹¹ is C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₁-C₄ acyl;

R¹² is hydrogen, halo, or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R¹³ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or benzyl;

R¹⁴ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, and C₁-C₄ alkoxy; or pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof.

2. A pharmaceutical formulation which comprises, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient, a compound of Formula I:

where:

A is -CHR¹³- or a bond;

R is hydrogen, halo, cyano, -C(O)NR⁶R⁷, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxycarbonyl, carboxy, or phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, and C₁-C₄ alkoxy;

R¹ is hydrogen, halo, cyano, carboxamido, formyl, trimethylsilyl, trifluoromethyl, pentafluoroethyl, or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

 R^2 and R^3 are independently hydrogen, halo, amino, nitro, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, cyano, carboxamido, -C(O)NR 8 R 9 ,

-NR¹⁰R¹¹, -NHC(O)NHR¹⁴, C₁-C₄ alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyl, trifluoromethyl, or C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₄ alkoxy, hydroxy, phenoxy, and phenyl;

R⁴ and R⁴ are independently hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or benzyl; or R⁴ and R⁴ together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclopropyl moiety;

R⁵ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or benzyl;

R⁵' is hydrogen, or R⁵ and R⁵' together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclopropyl moiety;

R6 and R7 are independently hydrogen or C1-C4 alkyl;

R⁸ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R⁹ is C₁-C₈ alkyl where the alkyl chain is optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of carboxy, phenyl, or pyridyl, said phenyl or pyridyl substituent optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or C₁-C₄ alkoxy;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R¹¹ is C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₁-C₄ acyl;

R¹² is hydrogen, halo, or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R¹³ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or benzyl;

R¹⁴ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, and C₁-C₄ alkoxy; or pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof.

3. A method for increasing activation of the 5-HT₂C receptor in mammals, comprising administering to a mammal in need of such activation a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of Formula I:

where:

A is -CHR¹³- or a bond;

R is hydrogen, halo, cyano, -C(O)NR⁶R⁷, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxycarbonyl, carboxy, or phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, and C₁-C₄ alkoxy;

R¹ is hydrogen, halo, cyano, carboxamido, formyl, trimethylsilyl, trifluoromethyl, pentafluoroethyl, or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

 R^2 and R^3 are independently hydrogen, halo, amino, nitro, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, cyano, carboxamido, - $C(O)NR^8R^9$, - $NR^{10}R^{11}$, - $NHC(O)NHR^{14}$, C_1 - C_4 alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyl, trifluoromethyl, or C_1 - C_6 alkyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, hydroxy, phenoxy, and phenyl;

R⁴ and R⁴ are independently hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or benzyl; or R⁴ and R⁴ together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclopropyl moiety;

R⁵ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or benzyl;

R⁵ is hydrogen, or R⁵ and R⁵ together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclopropyl moiety;

 R^6 and R^7 are independently hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl;

R8 is hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R⁹ is C₁-C₈ alkyl where the alkyl chain is optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of carboxy, phenyl, or pyridyl, said phenyl or pyridyl substituent optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or C₁-C₄ alkoxy;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R¹¹ is C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₁-C₄ acyl;

R¹² is hydrogen, halo, or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R¹³ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or benzyl;

R¹⁴ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, and C₁-C₄ alkoxy;

or pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof.

4. A method for the treatment of obesity in mammals, comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of Formula I:

where:

A is -CHR¹³- or a bond;

R is hydrogen, halo, cyano, -C(O)NR 6 R 7 , C $_1$ -C $_6$ alkyl, C $_1$ -C $_4$ alkoxycarbonyl, carboxy, or phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C $_1$ -C $_4$ alkyl, and C $_1$ -C $_4$ alkoxy;

R¹ is hydrogen, halo, cyano, carboxamido, formyl, trimethylsilyl, trifluoromethyl, pentafluoroethyl, or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

 ${\sf R}^2$ and ${\sf R}^3$ are independently hydrogen, halo, amino, nitro, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, cyano, carboxamido, -C(O)NR⁸R⁹,

-NR¹⁰R¹¹, -NHC(O)NHR¹⁴, C₁-C₄ alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyl, trifluoromethyl, or C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₄ alkoxy, hydroxy, phenoxy, and phenyl;

R⁴ and R⁴ are independently hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or benzyl; or R⁴ and R⁴ together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclopropyl moiety;

R⁵ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or benzyl;

R⁵' is hydrogen, or R⁵ and R⁵' together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclopropyl moiety;

R⁶ and R⁷ are independently hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R⁸ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

 R^9 is C_1 - C_8 alkyl where the alkyl chain is optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of carboxy, phenyl, or pyridyl, said phenyl or pyridyl substituent optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or C_1 - C_4 alkoxy;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R¹¹ is C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₁-C₄ acyl;

R¹² is hydrogen, halo, or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R¹³ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or benzyl;

 R^{14} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of halo, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, and C_1 - C_4 alkoxy;

or pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof.

5. A method for the treatment of depression in mammals, comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of Formula I:

where:

A is -CHR¹³- or a bond;

R is hydrogen, halo, cyano, -C(O)NR 6 R 7 , C $_1$ -C $_6$ alkyl, C $_1$ -C $_4$ alkoxycarbonyl, carboxy, or phenyl optionally substituted with one or two

substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, and C₁-C₄ alkoxy;

R¹ is hydrogen, halo, cyano, carboxamido, formyl, trimethylsilyl, trifluoromethyl, pentafluoroethyl, or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

 R^2 and R^3 are independently hydrogen, halo, amino, nitro, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, cyano, carboxamido, -C(O)NR 8 R 9 ,

-NR¹⁰R¹¹, -NHC(O)NHR¹⁴, C₁-C₄ alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyl, trifluoromethyl, or C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₄ alkoxy, hydroxy, phenoxy, and phenyl;

R⁴ and R⁴ are independently hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or benzyl; or R⁴ and R⁴ together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclopropyl moiety;

R⁵ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or benzyl;

R⁵' is hydrogen, or R⁵ and R⁵' together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclopropyl moiety;

R⁶ and R⁷ are independently hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R8 is hydrogen or C1-C4 alkyl;

R⁹ is C₁-C₈ alkyl where the alkyl chain is optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of carboxy, phenyl, or pyridyl, said phenyl or pyridyl substituent optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or C₁-C₄ alkoxy;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R¹¹ is C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₁-C₄ acyl;

R¹² is hydrogen, halo, or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R¹³ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or benzyl;

R¹⁴ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, and C₁-C₄ alkoxy; or pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof.

- 6. (once amended) A method of [any of] Claim[s] 3[, 4, or 5] where the mammal is human[;]
- 7. (new) A method of Claim 4 where the mammal is human;
- 8. (new) A method of Claim 5 where the mammal is human.



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